Minutes of the Lac La Biche County Special Council Meeting held June 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER  Mayor Moghrabi called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

In accordance with Section 199 of the Municipal Government Act and the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, Lac La Biche County will be holding Regular and Special Council Meetings electronically.

PRESENT

Omer Moghrabi  Mayor
Sterling Johnson  Councillor/Deputy Mayor (exited at 1:51 p.m.)
Colette Borgun  Councillor
Darlene Beniuk  Councillor
Jason Stedman  Councillor
Charlyn Moore  Councillor
George L’Heureux  Councillor
Colin Cote  Councillor
Lorin Tkachuk  Councillor

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Van Buul  Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Small  Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager, Finance and Grants
Melanie McConnell  Senior Manager, Legislative & Information Services
Darrell Lessmeister  Senior Manager, Recreation & Community Enhancement
Brian Shapka  Senior Manager, Public Works
Danielle Cardinal  Legislative Services Coordinator (Participated electronically)
Heather Reid  Legislative Services Coordinator (Participated electronically)
ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20.531 MOVED To approve the June 24, 2020 Special Council Meeting agenda as amended:
- Deletion of Item:
  • New Business Item 3.2- 2021 Budget Guiding Principles (Discussion)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 2020 Budget Deferred Items and Operating and Capital Plans (Request for Decision)

Mr. Dan Small, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Manager, Finance and Grants and Mr. Zeeshan Hasan, Manager, Finance presented to Council the 2020 Budget Deferred Items (Base Business Cases, Service Level Enhancement Business Cases and the Deferred Capital Items-Common Services-Equipment) and Operating and Capital Plans Request for Decision and responded to questions.

Mr. Les Cote, Manager, Equipment Services was present to respond to Council questions in relation the Growth/New Vehicles and Equipment-Common Services-Equipment as outlined in the Deferred Capital Items.

Ms. Molly Fyten, Manager, Environmental Services was present to respond to Council questions in relation to the Green Cone Item-Service Level Enhancement Business Case as outlined in the Deferred Operating Initiatives.
20.532 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Systems Analyst I position in the amount of $50,000.

In Favour
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor L’Heureux
Councillor Beniuk
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote
Councillor Borgun
Councillor Moore

Opposed
Deputy Mayor Johnson

CARRIED

20.533 MOVED
To defer the Transportation Master Plan, in the amount of $136,000, to the 2021 Budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.534 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Asset Management-Phase 1 in the amount of $62,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Cote exited Council Chambers at 10:34 a.m.

20.535 MOVED
To not approve the Environmental Reserve and Municipal Reserve Sign Program in the amount of $30,000 for inclusion in the 2020 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Cote returned to Council Chambers at 10:36 a.m.

Councillor L’Heureux exited Council Chambers at 10:37 a.m. and returned at 10:38 a.m.
20.536 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Green Cone Service item in the amount of $4,640.

In Favour
Mayor Moghrabi
Deputy Mayor Johnson
Councillor L’Heureux
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote
Councillor Borgun
Councillor Moore

Opposed
Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

20.537 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Growth/New Vehicles and Equipment in the amount of $844,600.

In Favour
Deputy Mayor Johnson
Councillor L’Heureux
Councillor Beniuk
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote
Councillor Borgun
Councillor Moore

Opposed
Mayor Moghrabi

CARRIED

101 Street Sidewalk, Plamondon (Request for Decision Following Notice of Motion)- Deferred as per Motion # 20.510 made during the June 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Brian Shapka, Senior Manager, Public Works presented to Council the 101 Street Sidewalk, Plamondon budget item that was deferred from the June 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and responded to questions.
RECESS  
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 11:12 a.m.

RECONVENE  
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 12:11 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Councillor Moore.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1  2020 Budget Deferred Items and Operating and Capital Plans (Request for Decision)

Council discussed the Golf Course Golf Cart Trail Paving and Golf Course Irrigation System-phase 2, as part of Parks & Open Spaces, as outlined in the Five-Year Capital Plan.

20.538 MOVED  
To direct Administration to bring forward preliminary pricing on an engineering study for the Golf Course to address the drainage issues and design and further to investigate Audubon certification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion resumed regarding 101 Street Sidewalk, Plamondon.

20.539 MOVED  
That Council increase the 2020 Capital Budget for sidewalk replacement of 100 Street between 102 Avenue and 104 Avenue, in the Hamlet of Plamondon, for $35,000 and to increase the 2020 Capital Budget for curb and gutter replacement, in front of the school, in the hamlet of Plamondon for $15,000, bringing the combined amount of $50,000 to be funded from the Plamondon Main Street Revitalization fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Moore returned to Council Chambers subsequent to Motion #20.539 and prior to voting on Motion #20.540.
3.1.1 Plamondon Campsite Road and Other Area Subdivision Water and Sewer Servicing Costs (Briefing)

Mr. Small and Mr. Shapka presented to Council the Plamondon Campsite Road and Other Area Subdivision Water and Sewer Servicing Costs Briefing and responded to questions.

20.540 MOVED To undertake water and sewer servicing costs for the following areas: Spruce Bay Subdivision, Tarrabain Subdivision, Village South Road Subdivision, Bayview and Beaver Lake Residences (Ranger) Subdivision, and submit draft local improvement plans to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20.541 MOVED To direct Administration to bring forward additional information on water and sewer servicing for the Plamondon Campsite Road prior to the 2021 Budget Deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1.2 101 Main Street-Conceptual Design (Request for Decision)

Mr. Shapka presented the 101 Main Street-Conceptual Design Request for Decision to Council and responded to questions.

20.542 MOVED That Council increase the 2020 Capital Budget for Lac La Biche – Mission Main Street project by $46,000, funded from Capital Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1.3 Walking Trail from Lac La Biche West to Mission Historical Site (Four Corners) (Briefing)

Mr. Small and Mr. Shapka presented to Council the Walking Trail from Lac La Biche West to Mission Historical Site (Four Corners) Briefing and responded to questions.
20.543 MOVED
To approve for inclusion in the 2020 Budget, the Walking Trail from Lac La Biche West to Mission Historical Site (Four Corners) project in the amount of $30,000 for engineering, and further, that the project is implemented in phases and lastly that this project is prioritized for Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program Funding.

In Favour
Mayor Moghrabi
Deputy Mayor Johnson
Councillor Moore
Councillor L’Heureux
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote
Councillor Borgun

Opposed
Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

20.544 MOVED
To increase the 2020 Walking Trail Asset Management Program by $200,000 funded from accumulated surplus for a combined total of $440,000 for Lac La Biche West to Mission Historical Site (four corners).

20.545 MOVED
To Call the Question (that the vote must now be taken) in accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Vote on Main Motion:

20.544 MOVED
To increase the 2020 Walking Trail Asset Management Program by $200,000, funded from accumulated surplus, for a combined total of $440,000 for Lac La Biche West to Mission Historical Site (four corners).

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3.1.4 Options for Enhanced Composting at Beaver Lake Landfill (Request for Decision)

Ms. Fyten presented to Council the Options for Enhanced Composting at Beaver Lake Landfill Request for Decision and responded to questions.

20.546 MOVED
To defer the Compost Pad at the Beaver Lake Landfill to the 2021 Budget Deliberations.

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DEFEATED
20.547 MOVED
To approve $400,000 for a Compost Pad at Beaver Lake Landfill in 2020 Environmental Services’ Capital Budget funded from Capital Reserves of $280,000, and the remaining $120,000 from General Surplus.

In Favour
Mayor Moghrabi
Councillor Moore
Councillor L’Heureux
Councillor Tkachuk
Councillor Stedman
Councillor Cote
Councillor Borgun

Opposed
Deputy Mayor Johnson
Councillor Beniuk

CARRIED

RECESS
Mayor Moghrabi called a recess at 1:51 p.m.

RECONVENE
Mayor Moghrabi reconvened the meeting at 2:49 p.m. with all those Members of Council previously listed in attendance, except Deputy Mayor Johnson and Councillor Tkachuk.

Deputy Mayor Johnson did not return to Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 2020 Budget Deferred Items and Operating and Capital Plans (Request for Decision)

Discussion resumed on this item with Mr. Van Buul, Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan responding to Council questions.
20.548 MOVED
That Council approves the 2021-2023 financial plan and the 2021-2025 capital plan as amended.

**In Favour**
- Mayor Moghrabi
- Deputy Mayor Johnson
- Councillor Beniuk
- Councillor Tkachuk
- Councillor Stedman
- Councillor L’Heureux
- Councillor Borgun

**Opposed**
- Councillor Moore
- Councillor Cote

CARRIED

3.3 Budget Public Participation (Discussion)

Mr. Van Buul and Mr. Small presented to Council the Budget Public Participation Discussion Item and responded to questions. Mr. Jihad Moghrabi, Manager, Communications was also available to respond to questions.

Councillor L’Heureux exited Council Chambers at 3:32 p.m. and returned at the same time.

20.549 MOVED
To direct Administration to bring forward a briefing, to a future Council Meeting, identifying budget public participation options as part of the 2021 budget process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3.4 Proposed 2021 Council Budget Calendar (Request for Decision)

Mr. Small and Mr. Hasan presented to Council the Proposed 2021 Council Budget Calendar and responded to questions.

20.550 MOVED
That Council schedule special Council meetings to consider the 2021 Budget, the 2022 – 2024 Financial Plan, and the 2022 – 2026 Capital Plan for the following days at 10:00 am in Council Chambers:

• Thursday, November 12, 2020
• Friday, November 13, 2020
• Tuesday, November 17, 2020
• Wednesday, November 18, 2020
• Thursday, November 19, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Tkachuk returned to Council Chambers at 3:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

20.551 MOVED
To adjourn the Special Council Meeting of June 24, 2020 at 3:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Omer Moghrabi, Mayor

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Ken Van Buul
Interim Chief Administrative Officer